

stated in the judgments, the comptroller of public accounts is authorized and directed to issue one or more warrants on the state treasury, as soon as possible following the effective date of this Act, in favor of each of the individuals, firms, or corporations named or claim numbers identified in this Act, in an amount not to exceed the amount set opposite their respective names or claim numbers and shall mail or deliver to each of the individuals, firms, or corporations associated with each claim one or more warrants in payment of all claims included in this Act.

SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 29, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a, of the Constitution of Texas; passed the House on May 14, 2015: Yeas 146, Nays 0, one present not voting; passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a, of the Constitution of Texas.

Approved June 10, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

BORDER COMMERCE COORDINATOR

CHAPTER 429

S.B. No. 1389

AN ACT

relating to the border commerce coordinator.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 772.010, Government Code, as added by Chapter 1339 (H.B. 564), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 772.010. BORDER COMMERCE COORDINATOR. (a) The governor shall designate a border commerce coordinator in the governor's office or the office of the secretary of state as determined by the governor. The coordinator shall:

- (1) examine trade issues between the United States, Mexico, and Canada;
- (2) act as an ombudsman for government agencies within the Texas and Mexico border region to help reduce regulations by improving communication and cooperation between federal, state, and local governments;
- (3) work with federal officials to resolve transportation issues involving infrastructure, including roads and bridges, to allow for the efficient movement of goods and people across the border between Texas and Mexico;
- (4) work with federal officials to create a unified federal agency process to streamline border crossing needs;
- (5) work to increase funding for the North American Development Bank to assist in the financing of water and wastewater facilities; ~~and~~
- (6) explore the sale of excess electric power from Texas to Mexico;
- (7) *study the flow of commerce at ports of entry between this state and Mexico, including the movement of commercial vehicles across the border, and establish a plan to aid that commerce and improve the movement of those vehicles;*
- (8) *work to identify problems associated with border truck inspections and related trade and transportation infrastructure and develop recommendations for addressing those problems;*
- (9) *work with the appropriate state and federal agencies to develop initiatives to mitigate congestion at ports of entry; and*
- (10) *develop recommendations designed to:*

- (A) *increase trade by attracting new business ventures;*
- (B) *support expansion of existing and new industries; and*
- (C) *address workforce training needs.*

(b) The governor shall appoint a border commerce coordinator to serve at the will of the governor in the governor's office or in the office of the secretary of state and may select the secretary of state as the coordinator.

(c) *The coordinator shall work with the interagency work group established under Section 772.011, with local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, and other appropriate community organizations adjacent to the border of this state with Mexico, and with comparable entities in Mexican states adjacent to that border to address the unique planning and capacity needs of those areas. The coordinator shall assist those governments, organizations, and entities to identify and develop initiatives to address those needs. Before January 1 of each year, the coordinator shall submit to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature a report of the coordinator's activities under this subsection during the preceding year.*

(d) *The coordinator shall:*

(1) *work with private industry and appropriate entities of Texas and the United States to require that low-sulfur fuel be sold along highways in Texas carrying increased traffic related to activities under the North American Free Trade Agreement; and*

(2) *work with representatives of the government of Mexico and the governments of Mexican states bordering Texas to increase the use of low-sulfur fuel.*

(e) *The coordinator shall appoint a border mayor task force, to be named the Texas Good Neighbor Committee, consisting of the mayors from every municipality located in this state along the border between Texas and Mexico that has an adjoining sister city in Mexico. The task force shall:*

(1) *advise the coordinator on key trade, security, and transportation-related issues important to the municipalities appointed to the task force;*

(2) *hold quarterly meetings with mayors from Mexico to:*

(A) *increase:*

- (i) *cooperation;*
- (ii) *communication; and*
- (iii) *the flow of information;*

(B) *identify problems; and*

(C) *recommend solutions;*

(3) *seek assistance and input from private sector stakeholders involved in commerce to identify issues to address; and*

(4) *provide recommendations to assist the coordinator in carrying out the coordinator's statutory duties.*

SECTION 2. (a) Section 772.010, Government Code, as added by Chapter 429 (S.B. 1136), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999, is repealed.

(b) Section 3(a), Chapter 1215 (H.B. 925), Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, which reenacted and amended Section 772.010, Government Code, as added by Chapters 429 (S.B. 1136) and 1339 (H.B. 564), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on May 4, 2015: Yeas 25, Nays 6; passed the House on May 21, 2015: Yeas 93, Nays 47, one present not voting.

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Effective September 1, 2015.

**APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF TAX AND REVENUE
ANTICIPATION NOTES**

CHAPTER 430

S.B. No. 1657

AN ACT

relating to approval of the issuance of tax and revenue anticipation notes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 404.121(4), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Tax and revenue anticipation notes" and "notes" mean notes issued under this section, including any *commercial paper notes* and any obligations under credit agreements entered into by the comptroller in connection with the issuance of the notes.

SECTION 2. Section 404.124, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (b-1) and adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

(b) Based on the forecast and testimony provided at the hearing required by Subsection (a), the committee may approve the issuance of notes, subject to Subsections (b-1), (b-2), and (c), and the maximum outstanding balance of notes in any fiscal year. The outstanding balance may not exceed the maximum temporary cash shortfall forecast by the comptroller for any period in the fiscal year. The comptroller may not issue notes in excess of the amount approved.

(b-1) *Except as provided in Subsection (b-2), the [The] committee's approval of the issuance of notes granted under Subsection (b) expires on the 91st day after the date the hearing conducted under Subsection (a) concludes. The comptroller may not issue notes on or after the 91st day unless the comptroller submits another general revenue cash flow shortfall forecast to the committee and the committee subsequently grants approval for the issuance of the notes in accordance with the procedure required by Subsections (a) and (b). Each subsequent approval expires on the 91st [61st] day after the date the hearing on which the approval was based concludes.*

(b-2) *The committee's approval of the issuance of commercial paper notes expires on the last day of the fiscal year for which the tax and revenue anticipation notes are approved, providing for the issuance and rollover of commercial paper notes during that fiscal year. All commercial paper notes must mature and be paid in full in accordance with Section 404.123(d).*

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 14, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 20, 2015: Yeas 141, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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